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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 2

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

--U.S.-RELATED COVERAGE IS VERY LIGHT, WITH SMALL ITEMS ON CAMPAIGN COSTS AND ON THE HOUSE-SENATE B-1 COMPROMISE.

--PRAVDA COMMEMORATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF QA WITH STORY FROM WEST BERLIN ON PROVOCATIVE PRESENCE IN BERLIN OF CDU/CSU POLITICAL GROUP FROM THE SAAR LANDTAG.

--PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER CUNAL STOPPED OFF ON SEPTEMBER 1 "ENROUTE HOME FROM SOFIA" FOR VISIT WITH POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV AND FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF CC-CPSU INTTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, V.V. ZAGLADIN, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA.

--"A TIME OF CHANGES" IN SPAIN IS NOTED IN LONG PRAVDA ARTICLE DATELINED MADRID. FAVORABLE MENTION IS MADE OF DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ENABLE THE LEFT FORCES, ACCORDING TO AUTHOR A. KRASIKOV, TO PLAY A ROLE IN SPANISH POLITICS. MOST NOTEWORTHY IS LISTING OF "DEMOCRATIC CONFEDERATION" OF OPPOSITION LEFTIST PARTIES WHICH MENTIONS COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT CALLS WORKERS COMMISSIONS "THE TRUE SPOKESMAN OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING MASSES OF THE COUNTRY."

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--PRAVDA CARRIES DOWNBEAT TASS STORY FROM PARIS ON PROBLEMS NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND GISCARD FACE, PARTICULARLY FROM INTER-PARTY DIFFERENCES WITHIN MAJORITY. UDR DISPLEASURE WITH GISCARD'S FOREIGN POLICY IS NOTED, BUT BALANCED BY REPORT OF A GISCARD STATEMENT AT CABINET MEETING THAT THERE WIIL BE NO CHANGE IN FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

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--PICTURE CAPTION OF THE MONTH AWARD GOES TO
IZVESTIYA FOR PHOTO OF LONDON BOBBIES RUNNING FOR COVER
DURING RIOTING; CAPTION READS: "THE POLICE ATTACK."

--SEVERAL ANTI-PEKING ITEMS INCLUDE: TASS
ITEM FROM NEW YORK (IN KZ) ATTACKING THE "MAOISTS" AT
THE LOS CONFERENCE FOR SUPPORTING CHAOS AND ANARCHY IN
THE WORLD'S OCEANS AND FOR TRYING TO INJECT THEIR EXTREMIST
DEMANDS INTO THE DRAFT CONVENTION. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS
SINGAPORE ITEM REPORTING PEKING'S REITERATION OF ITS
CLAIM TO THE PARACEL ISLANDS. THIS AGAIN SHOWS PEKING'S
"EXPANSIONIST AIMS", SAYS TASS. IZVESTIYA CHARGES THAT
THE PRC'S FAILURE TO SUPPORT, OR EVEN TO ANNOUNCE,
THE NEW STOCKHOLM APPEAL, SHOWS ITS MILITARISTIC SPIRIT
AND THE "THREAT" OF ITS "AGGRESSIVE FOREIGN POLICY COURSE."

--PRAVDA FRONTPAGES THE BREZHEV-PODGORNY-KOSYGIN
MESSAGE TO THE VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP ON THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SRV (NEE DRV). IZVESTIYA'S FRONTPAGE COMMENTARY, BY
HANOI CORRESPONDENT IL'INSKIY, IS CALLED "VIETNAM: COUNTRY
ON THE MARCH". IT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET
AID IN THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD UP THE ECONOMY OF THE UNIFIED
COUNTRY. KZ ALSO FEATURES A COMMENTARY ON THE ANNIVERSARY,
WITH SOVIET AID DURING THE WAR YEARS PRAISED EQUALLY
WITH ECONOMIC AID.

--PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS BEIRUT REPORT
ON LOCAL AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE STATEMENT WHICH
DECLARED THAT RECENT VISIT OF TWO U.S. DIPLOMATS TO
RIGHTIST-CONTROLLED TERRITORY SHOWED U.S. APPROVAL OF
PLAN TO PARTITION LEBANON.

--IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY CAIRO SPECIAL
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CORRESPONDENT R. MOSEYEV ON ECONOMIC SPECULATION AND RISE
IN COST OF LIVING RESULTING FROM EGYPTIAN "OPEN DOOR"
POLICY.

--IZVESTIYA HAS CRITICAL ARTICLE ON RECENT
GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS IN KUWAIT. SIMILAR ARTICLE APPEARED
IN SEPTEMBER 1 PRAVDA.

--IZVESTIYA "PRESS-SERVICE" CORNER HAS
CRITICAL ROUND-UP OF SOUTH AFRICA-NAMIBIA EVENTS AND
FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND PM VORSTER.

--KZ HAS FRONT PAGE ARTICLE AND PICTURE ON
MALIAN MINDEF DOUKARA VISIT.

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-- BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE CONCLUSION
OF VISIT OF CEMA DELEGATION TO MEXICO.

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--PRAVDA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT KURDYUMOV
REPORTS ON THE "COLOSSAL SUM"--ABOUT 70 MILLION DOLLARS--
SPENT BY AUGUST 1 ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

--KZ'S VINOGRADOV REPORTS ON THE STRIKE IN
NEW ZEALAND OVER THE VISIT OF THE TRUXTON.

KZ CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM ON THE
HOUSE-SENATE COMPROMISE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE B-1
PROJECT.
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